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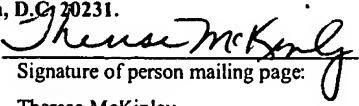
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references identified herein and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609.

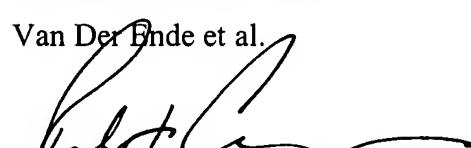
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